

MINUTES OF ELEVENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 21 March 1950. Present were:

25 YEAR  
RE-REVIEW

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II.

A cable from [ ] states that the possibility of obtaining the approval of the [ ] government for the [ ] seems unlikely at present. After discussion, it was agreed that a study be made as soon as possible of alternate sites. The possibility was also discussed of setting up a mobile station somewhere in the Southeastern Asia area to work that area now and then be moved whenever military security dictates.

Item III.

As a result of CIA letter to the [ ], a cable is being sent to the [ ] directing that necessary negotiations for the [ ] Base be carried out through [ ] channels.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

It was suggested that a paragraph should be added to the document stating the plan as presented is the optimum situation and if political difficulties arise, changes will have to be made to adapt the plan to feasible if less desirable conditions. A cover letter for the plan was presented and after discussion, was approved for forwarding to ADSO and ADPC.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

It is expected that both the OSO and OPC revised cable procedures will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

Item VI.

A summary of the present situation on the [ ] link was given. Word is expected from [ ] on negotiations in the light of instructions sent him as a result of the special meeting of the Board. It was recommended that plans for the activation of the station on 27 March continue unless further notice to the contrary is received. The actual date for the transfer of MECA headquarters from [ ] will probably be in September.

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Item VII. [ ]

It is understood that the present agreement [ ] has with [ ] 25X1  
is under review and is to be renewed in May. At the present time, the [ ] 25X1  
[ ] uses [ ] It was recommended that, as 25X1  
in the case of the [ ] a study of the area should be made for  
alternate sites in case negotiations for the [ ] are unsuccessful. 25X1

Item VIII. New Business:

The question of issuance procedures for agent communications equipment was raised and made an item for the agenda. Some standard procedure should be set up for requisitioning and carrying the costs of such equipment so that stock levels may be kept up, priority standards established, and project budgets set up to include the cost of communications equipment, which is not the case at present.

OPC presented the following figures on their immediate needs for agent equipment: 25X1

SSTR-1 - Total of 150 sets required [ ]  
70 required by 15 May for pouching to the field, and  
additional 80 by July.

RS-1 - Total of 20 by May 15 and 80 by July 1.

Packaged station - 1 for storage either on [ ] or in  
Far East, required as soon as possible (1 July)

[ ] - 25 required by 1 June.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.